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SUBJ: IGLESIAS SPEECH AT ECLA CLOSING

1. SPEAKING FIRST IN ENGLISH TO HIS HOST, PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS,

IGLESIAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH THIS FIRST ECLA MEETING IN ENGLISH SPEAKING CARIBBEAN. HE WAS OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE OUTCOME OF THE MEETING. HIS REMARKS COVERED FIVE MAIN POINTS, THE MID-TERM REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EFFORTS, CREATION OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE, THE PROPOSAL FOR A LATIN AMERICAN SAFETY-NET, NEW OR RENEWED AREAS OF PRIORITY INTEREST IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION AND THE PROPOSED STUDY OF ECLA'S FUTURE STRUCTURE.

2. IGLESIAS' REMARKS ON THE REVIEW AND APPRAISAL EXERCISE WERE LARGELY CONGRATULATORY AND THEREFORE DIRECTED MAINLY AT THE WORK OF THE ECLA HIGH LEVEL GOVERNMENT EXPERTS COMMITTEE WHICH PRODUCED THE BASIC DOCUMENT. HIS REFERENCE TO THE CREATION OF THE CARIBBEAN COMMITTEE WAS TIED TO THE COMMISSION'S RECOGNITION OF THE GROWTH OF CARIBBEAN SIGNIFICANCE. HE SAID THE ECLA SUBREGIONAL OFFICE IN PORT OF SPAIN WOULD BE STRENGTHENED WITHIN THE STAFF AND BUDGETARY RESOURCES OF THE COMMISSION. HE PRAISED
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THE RESOLUTION ON CREATION OF A SAFETY NET AS A RESPONSE TO

THE NEED TO PRESERVE LATIN AMERICA'S ECONOMIC FIBRE. HE WELCOMED THE COMMISSION'S DEFINITION OF PRIORITY AREAS OF ACTIVITY IN POPULATION, INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE OPERATIONS OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS. FINALLY, HE EXPRESSED PLEASURE WITH THE STUDY WHICH THE COMMISSION AUTHORIZED HIM TO UNDERTAKE WITH RESPECT TO THE FUTURE ORGANIZATION OF ECLA.

3. IGLESIAS SAID THAT LATIN AMERICA IS CHANGING AND ECLA MUST CHANE AS WELL. HE DID NOT, AS DID PRIME MINISTER WILLIAMS WHO SPOKE AFTER HIM, SUGGEST THAT THE OUTCOME OF THE STUDY WOULD BE TO LIMIT ECLA TO LATIN/CARIBBEAN MEMBERSHIP WITH OTHER UN MEMBERS PARTICIPATING ONLY AS OBSERVERS.

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